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HEY!
THEY'RE TAKING
OUR TREASURE!!



GO FOR THE GOLD!!

COIN CAPTURIN' CONTEST

See Page 15

TREASURE CHASIN' COMIC

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NEW PIRATE COLLECTION



MK
95
PC

new POSSIBLE BUILDS

This issue is packed with hidden treasures! Check out pages 15 & 16 for info about the contest and a special offer!

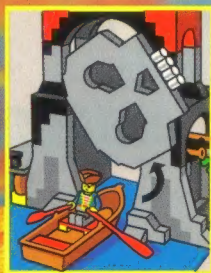


AHOY, MATEY!

Set sail for all the pirate adventures and treasure you can handle! Just keep a look out for Islanders and Imperial Guards!



Let's keep Skull Cave our lil' secret mate!



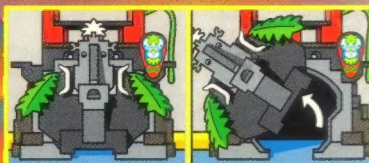
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SKULL ISLAND

Who says vacation is over, come on down to Skull Island and hang out with Red Beard and his buddies! Hide some loot, chill out in the secret cave or just work on your tan!



Watch out! Captain Red Beard can hoist your treasure with his handy crane!



Do you know the password which opens the door to the secret cove?

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RENEGADE RUNNER

Hop aboard the Renegade Runner for a tour of Skull Island. Only the four pirates aboard this fast-running ship have the map and compass to navigate the rough waters. Watch out for those pirates! They may trick you into taking the treasure from the Forbidden Cove.



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FORBIDDEN COVE

The secret passage to the hidden cove is hard to find. Legend says there's treasure inside. (Better watch out for the croc, he bites!)





Go ahead!
Make my day.

PIRATES

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ROCKY REEF

So you think you can just row up in your lil' boat and snatch the treasures of Rocky Reef? Not if Skully has anything to say about it! This place is loaded with traps for treasure hungry pirates.

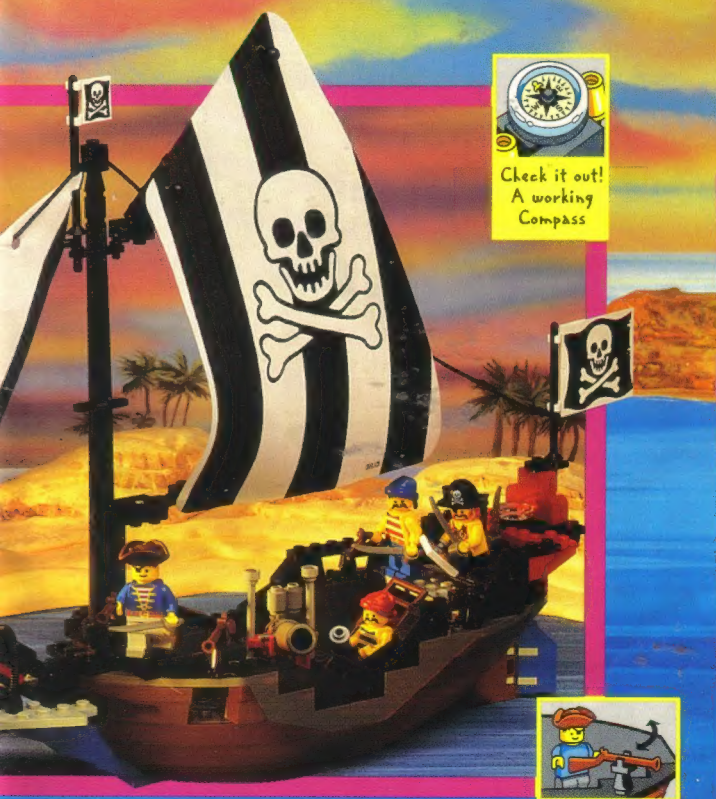


Can you find the
secret escape hatch?

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IMPERIAL OUTPOST

If you thought going back to school was like going to jail, try spending some time on this island prison.



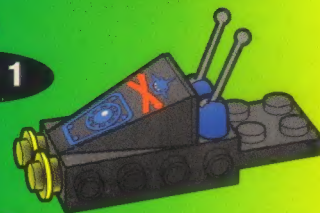
Check it out!
A working
Compass



Flip N' Build

Step 1

If you flip this
you can build it!



For Kids
By Kids

ManiAC Mail Bag

Send your stories & ideas to:
LEGO Club, P.O. Box 1308
Enfield, CT 06083



What were the fashionable young Maniacs wearing this summer? What are they wearing in the classroom this fall? Well, just take a look at the trendsetter, Jeshua Unger. Jeshua's "Unger-Wear" was the hottest thing in Alabama this summer. His LEGO hat and shirt, featuring working lights, an airplane tower and a robot, stole the show at the second grade "Hat Day". Who knows what he'll come up with for Halloween?



Fashion Designer
TrendSetter &
all around cool kid
Jeshua Unger
Age 8
Alabama



We get some weird
stuff in our mailbox



fashion update

COOL CREATIONS

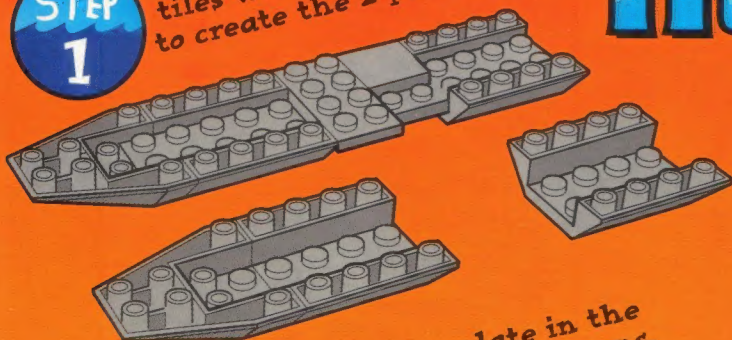
You asked for building instructions for alternate models shown on the boxes of your favorite sets. Now here's your chance to build this sleek Hovercraft using pieces from #6544 Shuttle Transcon 2 or pieces from your own collection!



HOVERCRAFT

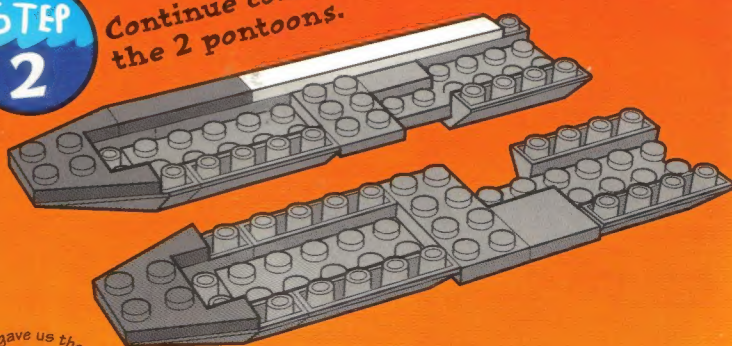
STEP 1

Connect the large gray roof tiles with 12x2 gray plates to create the 2 pontoons.



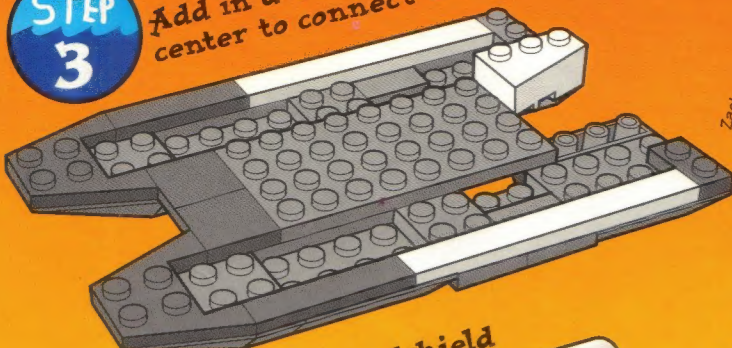
STEP 2

Continue constructing the 2 pontoons.



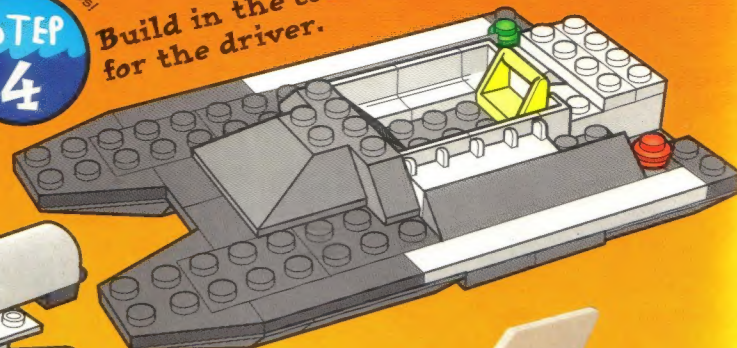
STEP 3

Add in a 4 x 8 gray plate in the center to connect the 2 pontoons.



STEP 4

Build in the cockpit for the driver.



STEP 5

Add in the windshield and engines.



STEP 6

Zoom off in your new hovercraft!



Firefighter figure is included in #6614

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send in your original model-making instructions to:

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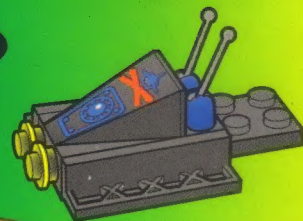
Feature Story

Howard Pyle, "Attack on a Galleon," Delaware Museum of Art, Howard Pyle Collection



This LEGO Pirate Ship is made of 13,280 bricks and pieces, and stands more than 4 feet tall and 4 1/2 feet long!

Flip N' Build
Step 2



A LEGO KID'S COOL TREASURE



Your family moves into an old house near the Atlantic Ocean. Being a good kid, you start cleaning your closet. You spot an old gold coin wedged in a corner. Suddenly, a fierce pirate and his noisy parrot appear.

"Well, matey, how would ye like ta take a little sea voyage?" growls the pirate. "The Cap'n be lookin' fer a new first mate." The pirate hands you a yellowed piece of paper and pulls out his sword. "Make yer mark, and you're off on a life of adventure. Or else..."

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Hola

Howard Pyle, "So the Treasure was Divided," (detail) Delaware Museum of Art, Howard Pyle Collection

FIRST MATE'S LOG. SEPT. 22, 1700

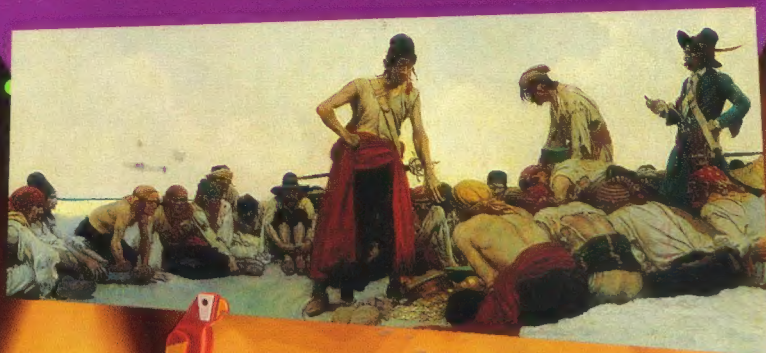
I've just become a pirate aboard the Skull's Eye Schooner! After a week of hard sailing, we made it to St. Mary's Island, off the southeast coast of Africa. The island is crawling with pirates. We traded a barrel of sugar for a fun little monkey named Coco, so now the ship has two pets: Coco and Squawks the parrot.

FIRST MATE'S LOG. SEPT. 27, 1700

This is more like it! Our first Red Sea action. We spotted a fat merchant ship and chased it awhile. Then, we hoisted our fearsome Jolly Roger flag and made a lot of noise to scare the ship into surrendering. We captured two chests of gold coins, 900 silver bars, jewels, silk, and spices.



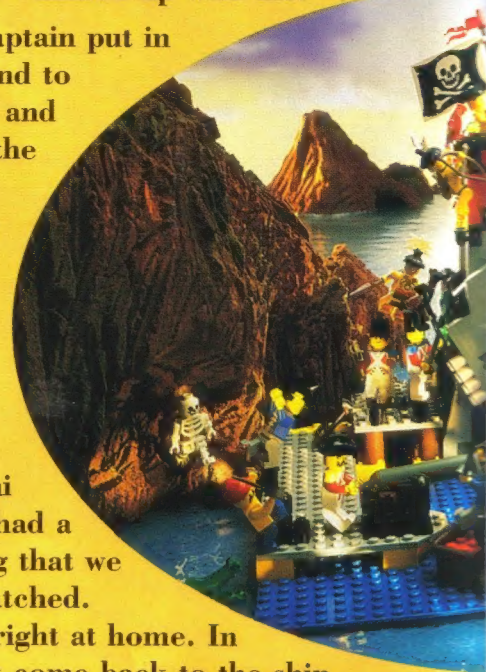
Skull's Eye Schooner



FIRST MATE'S LOG. SEPT. 29, 1700

We started back to St. Mary's to unload the gold and silver when we were caught in a nasty storm. The Skull's Eye was blown off course, and we started to take on water. I had to climb up the main mast, which was taller than our house, and help guide the ship through the storm. It was scary hanging up there! I'm glad Coco climbed up with me.

Finally, the captain put in at a small island to bury the gold and silver before the ship sank. I went along on the treasure burying expedition as the map maker. The island was like a mini jungle, and I had a strange feeling that we were being watched. Squawks was right at home. In fact, he didn't come back to the ship. The last I saw of him, he flew into the trees screaming, "Treasure's hidden... on Skull Island!"



Howard Pyle, "Which Shall be Captain?," (detail) Delaware Museum of Art, Howard Pyle Collection

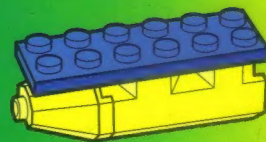


In 1982, the wreck of Samuel Bellamy's pirate ship, the *Whydah*, was found off the coast of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Divers have brought up navigational instruments, pottery, gold and cannons worth millions of dollars.

Pirates used nicknames so their families wouldn't know they had become pirates.

Flip N' Build

Step 3



FIRST MATE'S LOG,
OCT. 31, 1700

We finally returned to our home base. After restocking the ship, we headed right back to the island for the treasure. We couldn't believe it when we dug up the chests. They were empty except for a parrot feather and an Islander's shield. Boy, was the captain angry. "I'll get those *thieving Islanders*," he vowed. Looking down, I noticed a gold coin half covered with dirt.

You pick up the LEGO coin and put it on the shelf with the rest of your LEGO pirate collection. It sure must have been cool to be a pirate.



Captain Kidd's Treasure

William Kidd is one of the most famous pirates to ever hoist a Jolly Roger flag. *Treasure Island* was based partially on Kidd's adventures.

William Kidd was born about 1645 in Scotland. He became a good sailor, and moved to New York City. At that time, pirates were stealing supplies headed for America. Because Kidd was such a good sailor, the governor of New York asked him to help capture the Red Sea pirates.

By the time Kidd got to the Red Sea, he decided to become a pirate. After capturing a few small ships, Kidd got lucky. He captured the *Quedagh Merchant*, one of the richest ships ever captured. It was loaded with gold, silver, pearls, ivory, and spices. In 1698, it was worth \$2 million. Today, it would be worth more than \$15 million!

On his way back to New York, Kidd heard he was wanted as a pirate. He stopped to bury part of his treasure on Gardiner's Island near Long Island, New York. Some of the treasure was discovered, but nobody knows what happened to the rest. His treasure is supposed to be buried anywhere from Nova Scotia to South Carolina.

If you live along the East Coast, maybe you've heard a legend about Captain Kidd's treasure, or maybe you'll get lucky and find it!



Howard Pyle, "Kidd on the Deck of the 'Adventure Galley,'" Delaware Museum of Art, Howard Pyle Collection

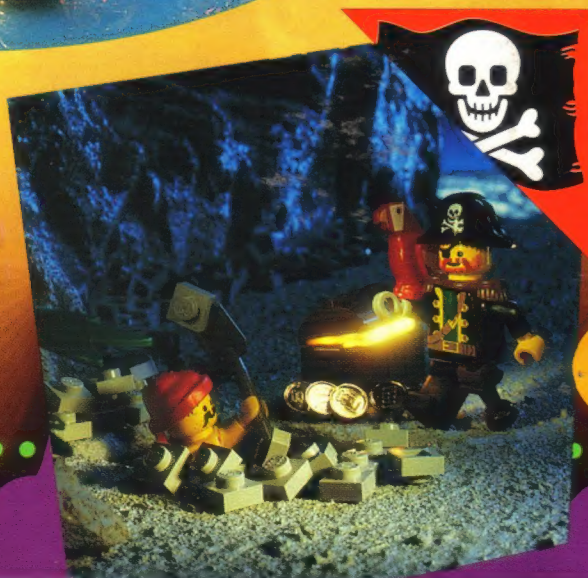


Special thanks to the Delaware Art Museum for the use of illustrations from the Howard Pyle Collection.

Howard Pyle drew more than 3,000 illustrations during his life, and many of them were about pirates. He also wrote and illustrated several books about pirates. He felt that everyone would like to become a pirate and sail off on adventures for treasure.

Pyle grew up in Wilmington, Delaware, around the time of the Civil War. He heard legends about buried pirate treasure in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, and many of his paintings were done there.

Check your local library for his books.



A "piece of eight" was the Spanish silver dollar, or peso which could be cut into eight "bits," (tiny pie-shaped pieces).

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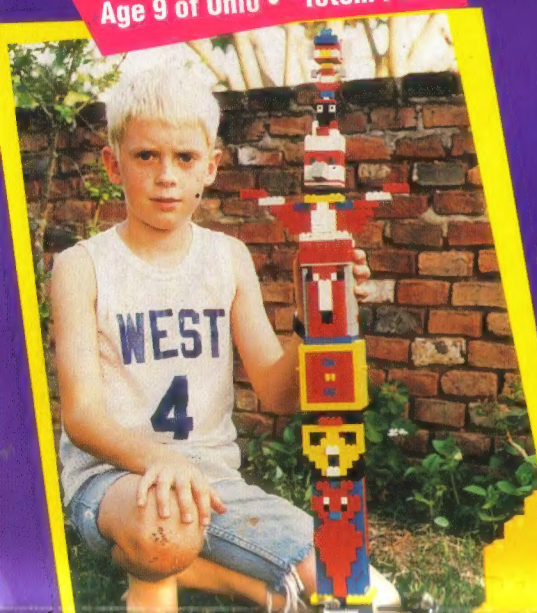
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Remember to include your
name, address, age and model
name. Pictures will not be
returned, so take an extra
photo for yourself!

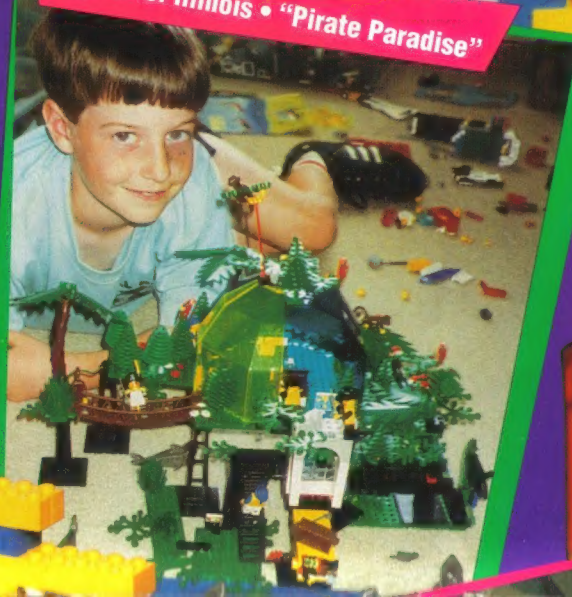
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Age 9 of Ohio • "Totem Pole"



DANE Harris

Age 10 of Illinois • "Pirate Paradise"

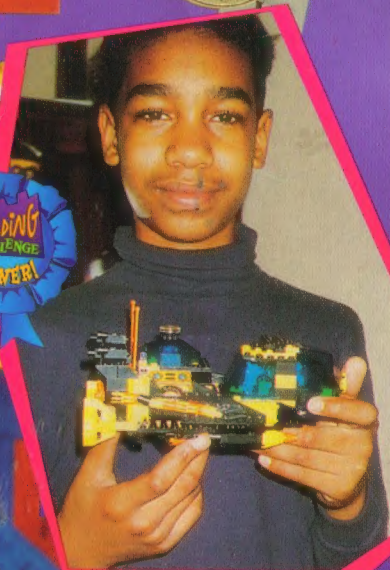


TYLER Stalbaum

Age 7 of Nevada
"Southwest KACHINA"



BUILDING
CHALLENGE
WINNER!



ZEKE Coley

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"Crystal Seeker"

STEPHAN



KYLE Thrapp
Age 12 of Iowa • "Griffin"



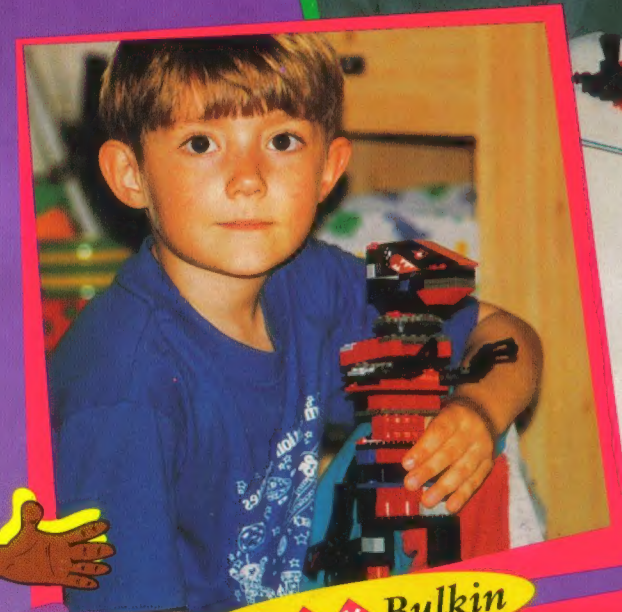
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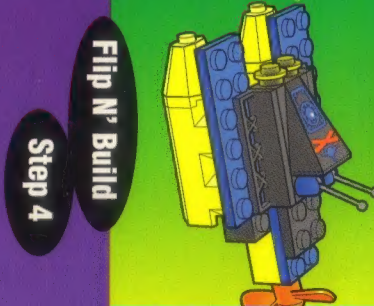
STUART Sparks
Age 6 of Oklahoma • "Island of Doom"



ALEX Bulkin
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DUSTY Scheller
Age 12 of Minnesota • "Construction Site"



MORE

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For Kids
By Kids

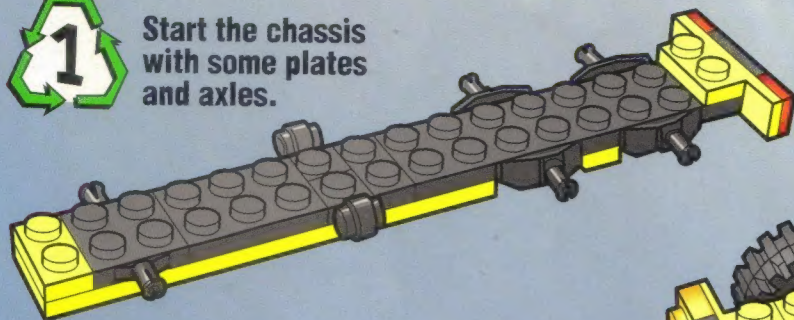


Recycle Truck

This Cool Creation was inspired by Warren Hogge from sunny California



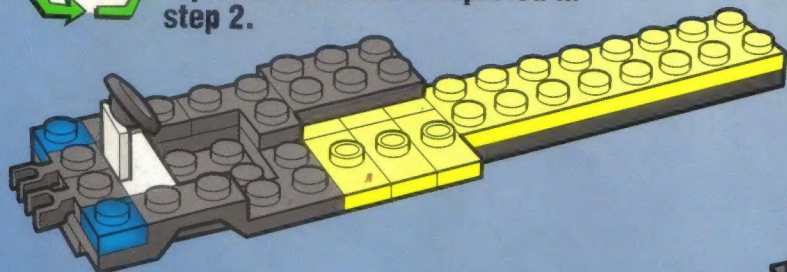
Start the chassis with some plates and axles.



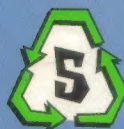
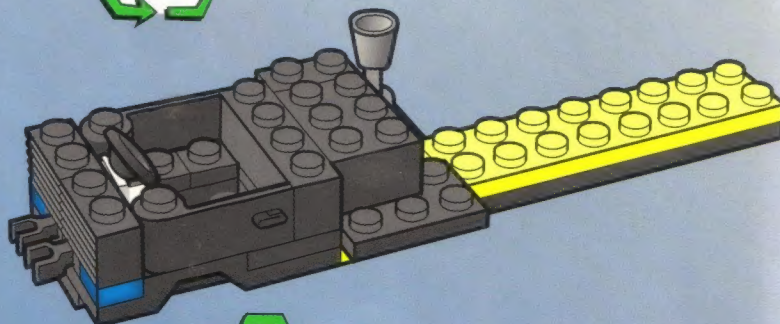
Pop on some gnarly wheels.



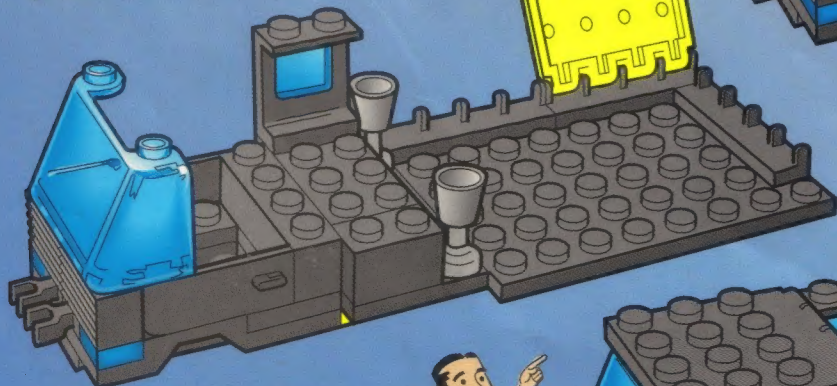
Now it's time to build the body of the Recycle Truck. This will sit on top of the chassis completed in step 2.



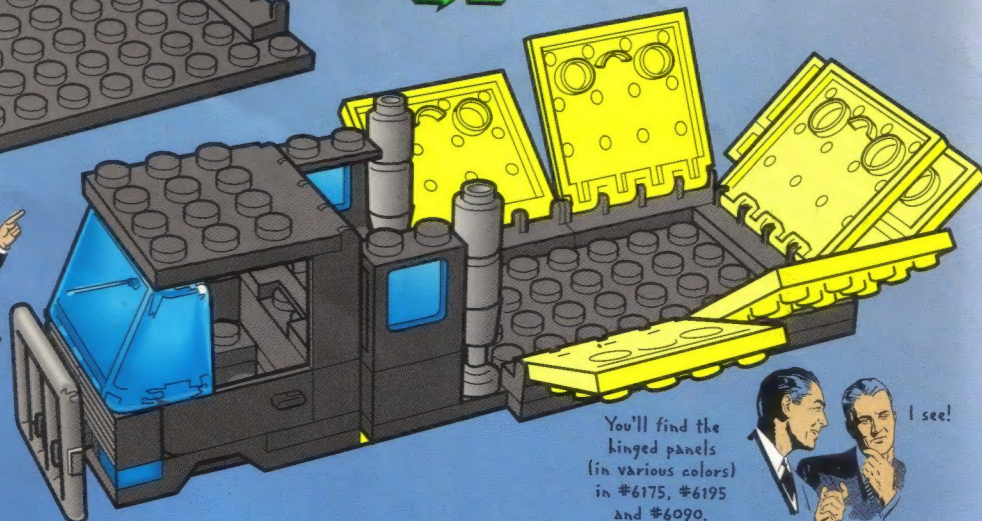
To build the cab you'll need a couple of doors.



You'll also need a windshield to keep the bugs out of your teeth!



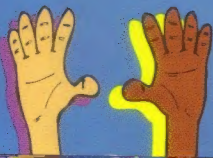
Finish the cab and add some hinged panels to the back.



Gee, this looks dandy! Now zip up to step #7

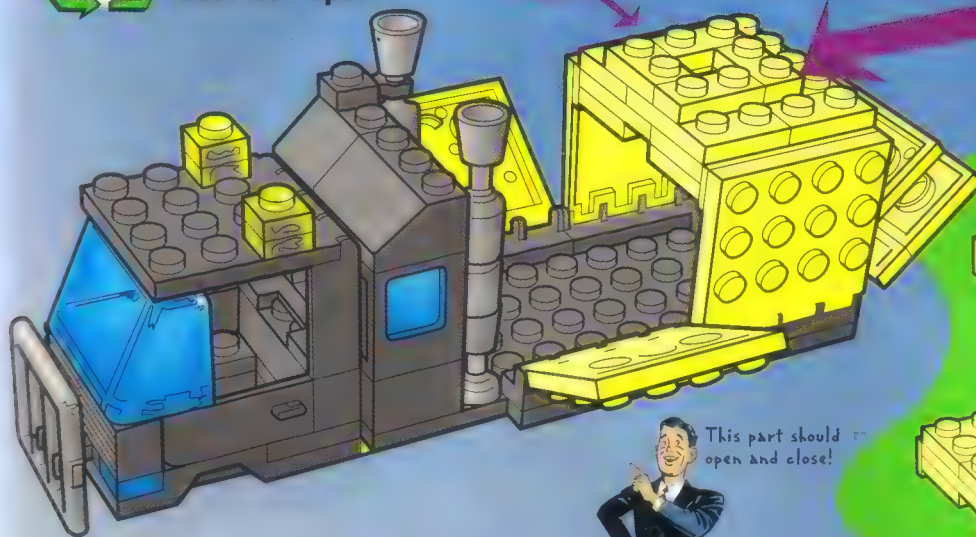


You'll find the hinged panels (in various colors) in #6175, #6195 and #6090.

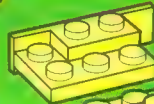
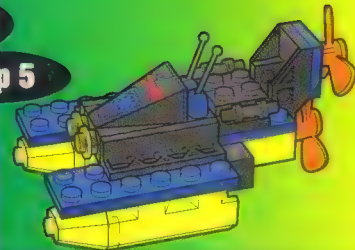


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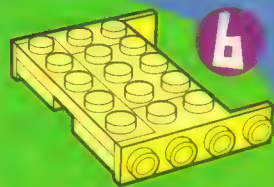
Check out Detail A to build the roof in the back of the truck. This roof does NOT open.



Detail A



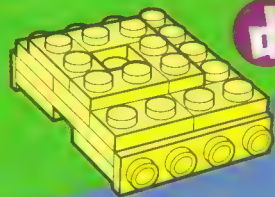
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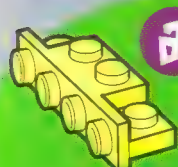


This part should open and close!

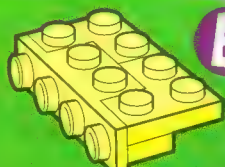
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Now check out Detail B to build the roof in the middle. This part of the truck opens.

Detail B



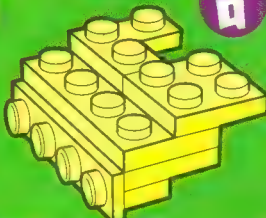
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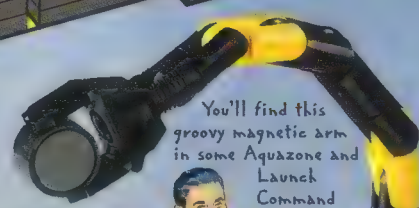
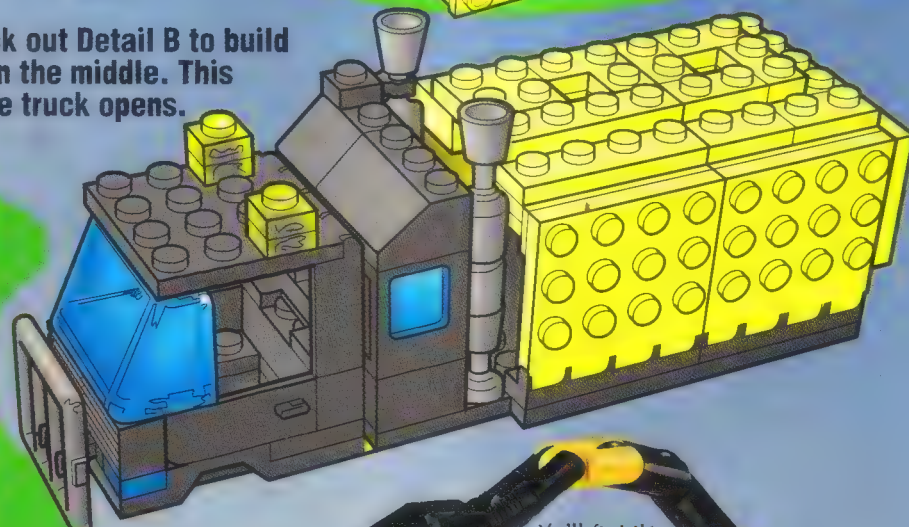
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d



You'll find this groovy magnetic arm in some Aquazone and Launch Command sets!



Add the claw and put the body on to the chassis (from step 2) and you're ready to recycle!

Build-Your-Own

Use the pieces in your LEGO collection to create your own Recycle Truck. The special pieces in this model can be found in #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub, #6544 Shuttle Transcon II, and many LEGO SYSTEM Town sets.

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Hello, Ay!



the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

EVEN A MANIAC DESERVES A BREAK, SO FOLLOW ME ON VACATION IN THIS SPECIAL COMIC.

AS I SEARCH SKULL ISLAND FOR PIRATE GOLD, KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR 6 HIDDEN CLUES. THE CLUES WILL UNCOVER AN ISLAND...

BUT BEWARE! THIS COMIC IS A TREASURE HUNT.

...AN ISLAND WHERE PIRATE CAPTAIN WILLIAM KIDD MAY HAVE BURIED SOME TREASURE...

...TREASURE THAT IS STILL TO BE FOUND!

HELP ME FIND THE HIDDEN TREASURE MATE, OR WALK THE PLANK!

THE PLANK?!

I DON'T WANT TO BE A SHARK'S NEXT MEAL.

MY VACATION PLANS WILL HAVE TO WAIT.



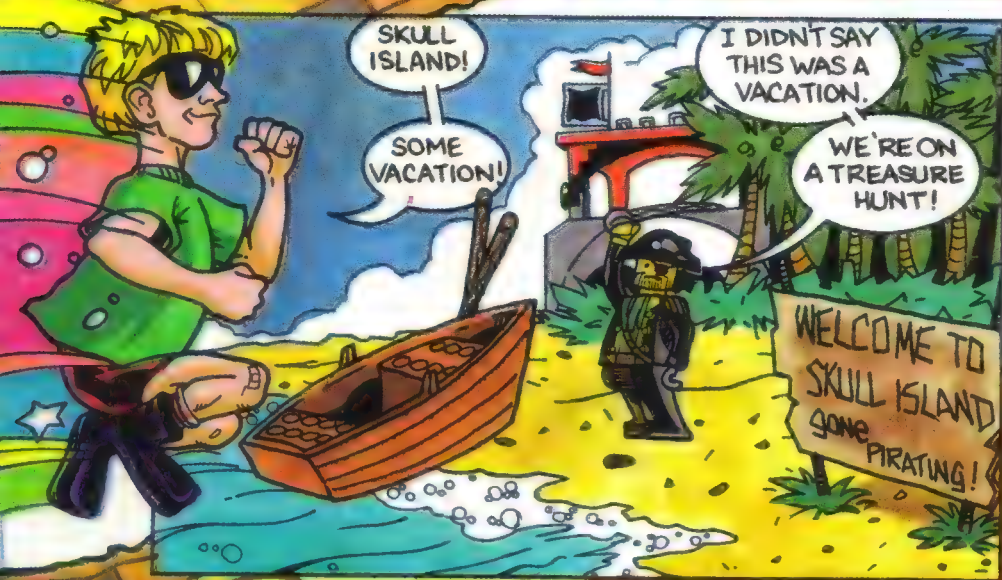
SKULL ISLAND!

SOME VACATION!

I DIDN'T SAY THIS WAS A VACATION.

WE'RE ON A TREASURE HUNT!

WELCOME TO SKULL ISLAND GONE PIRATING!



WHERE'S THE MAP?!

I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE.

THANKS.



LET'S START HERE.

I'M THE PIRATE.

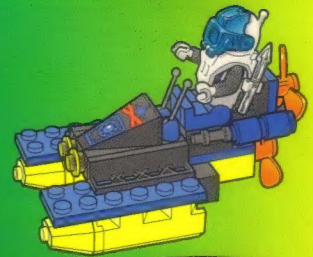
CHECK THE DOCK FIRST.

I KNOW WHERE PIRATES MAKING A QUICK ESCAPE, HIDE TREASURE.

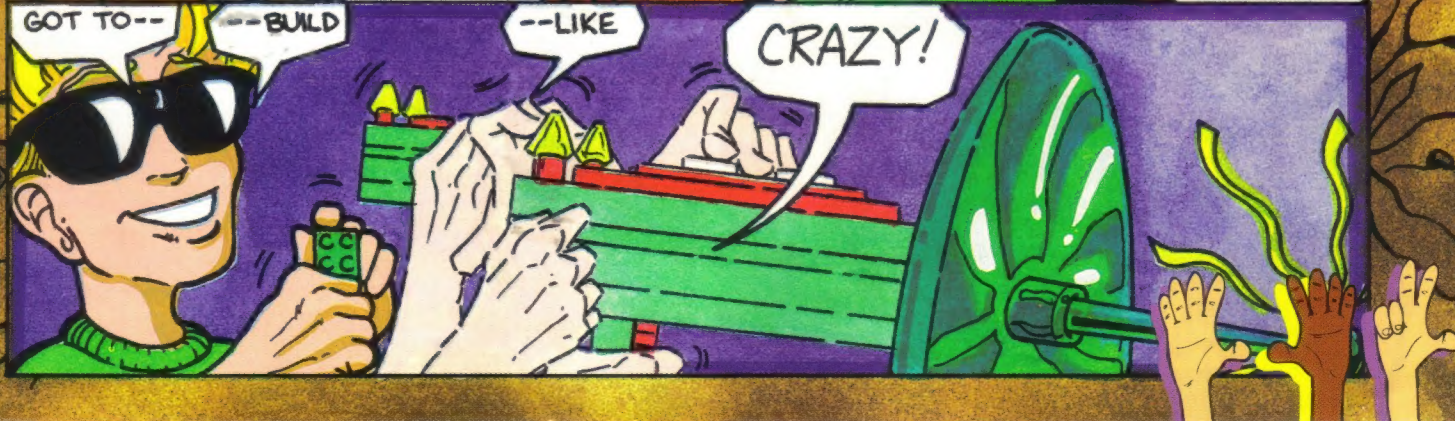
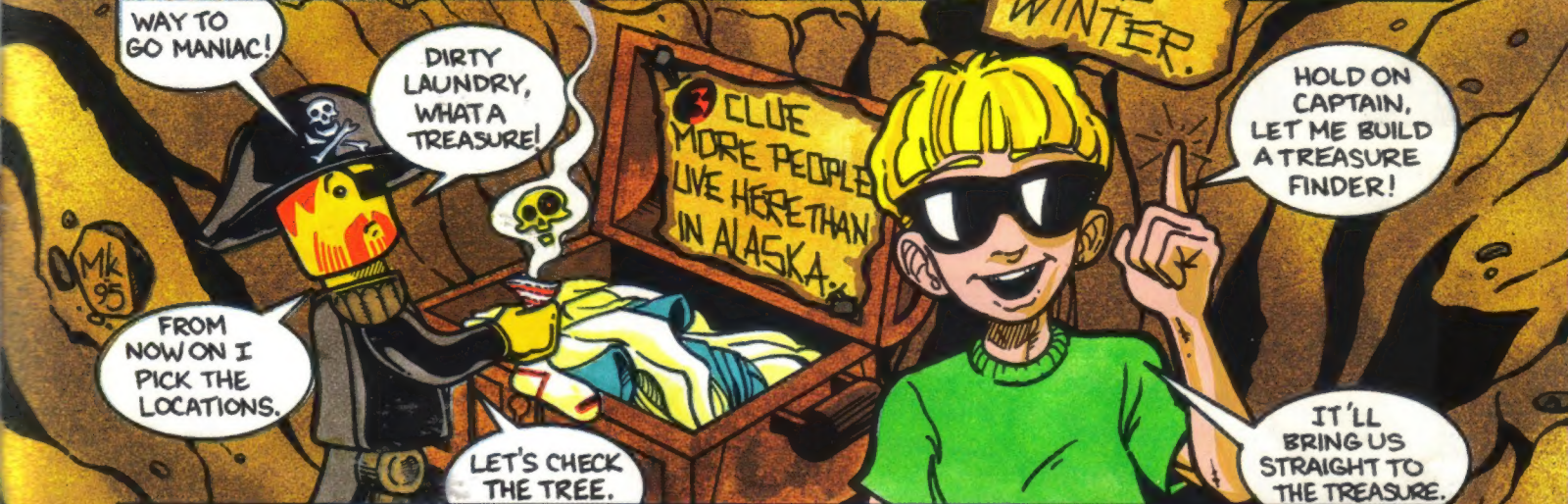
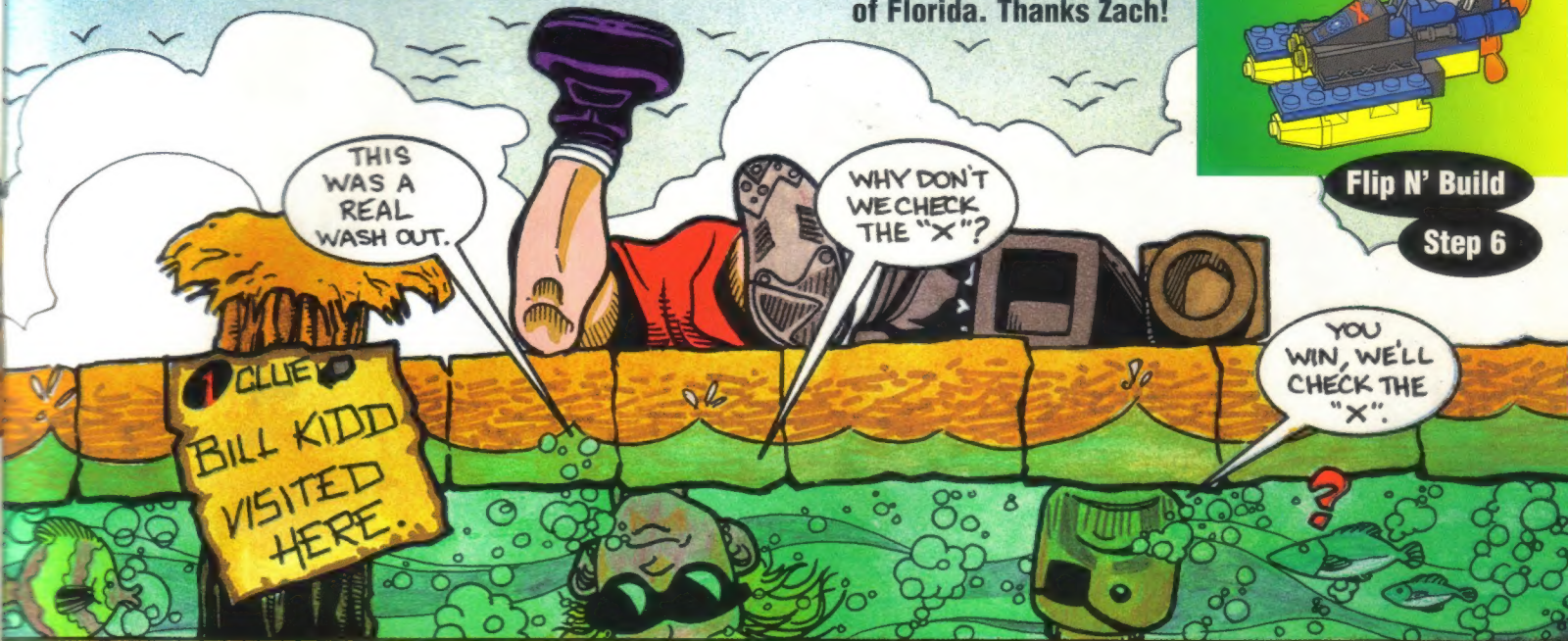
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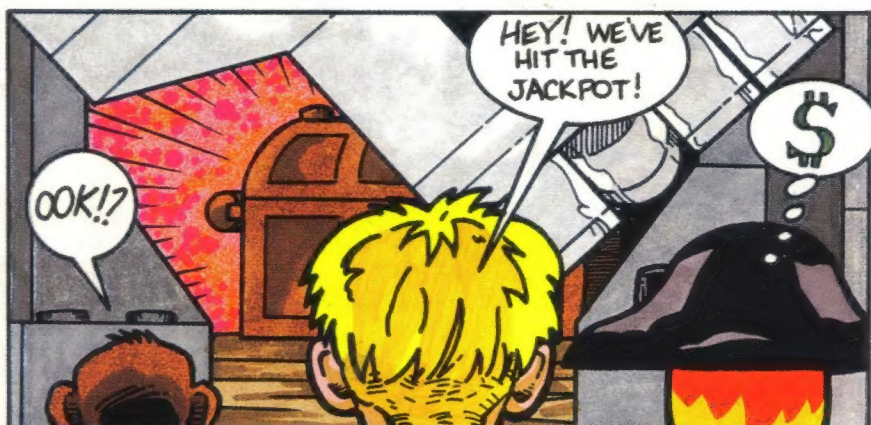


Land & Water Skimmer ►
inspired by Zach Johnson
of Florida. Thanks Zach!



Flip N' Build
Step 6





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What is wrong with this picture?



Have fun
circling at
least 10
funny
things
happening
at the
LEGO
Halloween
Party!

Here
are the
answers!

Answer to Comic: Rhode Island.
1. The witch is surfing instead of riding a broom.
2. The clown is holding a lollipop instead of a wand.
3. The king is holding a sword.
4. The shark is answering the door, and handing out (5) Valentine candy instead of Halloween candy.
5. The astronaut is upside down.
6. The portrait is upside down.
7. The ghost is saying "meow" instead of "boo".
8. The sign says "Merry Halloween" instead of "Happy Halloween".
9. The skeleton's arm is a carrot.
10. There is a mistletoe in the web instead of a spider.
11. There is a pumpkin.
12. There is a mistletoe in the door way.
13. Captain Redbeard carries a basketball, not a pumpkin.
14. There is a mistletoe in the door way.
15. The Aquanaut has a grass skirt on.
16. There is a drawbridge instead of a sidewalk.

Count the coins contest

Captain Redbeard and his plundering pirates have raided treasure ships from around the world. You don't even need a map or a shovel to uncover their treasure. Just flip through the magazine, count the pirates holding coins, and you could win a LEGO set of your choice.

The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct number of coins will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value). If any of those 10 winners get the correct answer to the Bonus Challenge, they will win a second LEGO set of their choice. That means you could... Win 2 LEGO sets worth up to \$200!

Members
Only!

#6279
SKULL ISLAND

You
could win
this set!



Entries must be postmarked by November 15, 1995 and received by Nov. 22, 1995. LEGO Systems, Inc. will only send to each winner a LEGO building set which is properly age-graded for the recipient. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. © 1995 LEGO Group.

Howdy!
This counts as
the first coin.



BONUS CHALLENGE!

If you can name 5 countries where the pirates got their coins you'll win another set. Here are three clues.

1. Three countries are right here in North America.
2. Some of the coins you are looking for are: franc, peso, kroner, drachma & lire.
3. Each pirate is saying "Hello" in the language of the country where they got their coin.

HOW TO ENTER:

Just fill in the contest entry form.
Cut it out & mail by Nov. 15, 1995 to:

Count the Coins Contest

LEGO MANIA Magazine
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CUT HERE & MAIL BY NOV. 15, 1995

I found _____ pirates holding coins in this magazine.

BONUS CHALLENGE!

List the names of five of the countries where the pirates got their coins.

1. U.S.A. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ - _____ Age: _____



Space Challenge Building Contest



Entering this cosmic challenge is easy!

- Create your own original futuristic space model with LEGO bricks.
- Take a color picture of your model.
- Pick up a LEGO Space Challenge contest entry blank at your favorite toy store. Send it in with the color picture of your model. Models will be judged on originality, detail and description.

See rules on Space Challenge contest entry form.

(Entries must be postmarked before 12/31/95 and received by 1/8/96.)

Grand Prize Winner!

- Trip to Kennedy Space Center in Florida to see a live Shuttle Launch

Fantastic First Prizes! (6 Winners)

- Free trip for four to Space Center Houston to compete in the LEGO Space Challenge Finals

Everyone Receives:

- Certificate of Achievement signed by NASA Astronauts and Tom Hanks
- LEGO Special Value Coupon

100's of Other Prizes!

Look for Entry Forms in your Favorite Toy Stores!

If you cannot find an entry form at your favorite toy store, please write to:

LEGO Space Challenge, P.O. Box 1138, Enfield, CT 06083-1138.

Check it out! NASA Astronauts will be visiting retail stores around the U.S. this Fall, 1995. Bring your original LEGO space model to one of the events listed below and get it photographed for the LEGO Space Challenge Building Contest!

Event Date*	Retail Store	City
Sept. 16	Venture	St. Louis, MO
Sept. 23	Fred Meyer	Seattle, WA
Sept. 30	FAO Schwarz	Boston, MA
Oct. 7	Kmart	Detroit, MI
Oct. 14	Wal Mart	Chicago, IL
Oct. 21-22	Target	Minneapolis, MN
Oct. 28	Target	Los Angeles, CA
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